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Meteorological Register for the Years 1822, 1823, 1824, and 1825, from Observations made by the Surgeons of the Army at the Military Posts of the United States. Prepared under the Direction of Joseph Lovell, M. D. Surgeon General of the United States Army. Washington. Edward De Krafft. 8vo. pp. 63.

American Natural History, Vol. I. Part 1; containing Twentytwo finely engraved Copperplates. By John D. Godman, M. D. Philadelphia. H. C. Carey & I. Lea.

American Journal of Science and Arts. Conducted by Benjamin Silliman. Vol. XI. No. 2, for October, 1826.

The present number completes *eleven volumes* of this Journal, and all the friends of scientific improvement among us must regret to find, by a circular from the editor accompanying this number, that so slender and inadequate encouragement is afforded to the work. As a production of such national interest, and embracing as it does the results of the labors of our most eminent men of science, it demands a patronage as universal as its objects and utility. The editor's remarks, in describing the influence of this Journal, set the subject in so strong a light, that we shall quote them.

'Perhaps the editor,' says he, '(since he is much more the organ of his correspondents, than his own) may be pardoned for quoting, on this occasion, the opinion of eminent men at home, with the expression of which he has often been gratified; that the American Journal has contributed to elevate the reputation of our country abroad; that it has become identified with the interests and progress of science and the arts, throughout the civilized world; and that it forms an important member of the great intellectual machinery of the age. In exchange, it receives a large number of the principal foreign Journals, and their pages often contain matter derived from the American Journal. Its character, as an authentic record of original American communications and discoveries, has caused it to be sought abroad with peculiar interest, and to be received with uncommon favor. In proof of this, it may be stated, that, among the learned associations and eminent men in Europe, who have addressed kind and commendatory letters to the editor, or have transmitted their works or Journals in acknowledgment or in exchange, are; in Sicily, Professor Ferrara; in Geneva, the late Professor Picet; in Bavaria, the Chevalier De Martius; in Halle, Germany, Drs Schweigger and Meinecke, besides other German Professors; in Sweden, Professors Berzelius and Sefstroem; in France, Brogniart, father and son, Dr Majendie, Brochant, Gay-Lussac; Julien, Editor of the *Revue Encyclopédique*; Baron Ferussac, Editor of the *Bulletin des Sciences*; the Council of Mines; the Society for the Encouragement of the Arts; that for the promotion of National Industry; the Linnaean Society, &c. In London, the late Dr Tilloch, and the late Mr Parkes; Arthur

Aikin, Secretary of the Society of Arts, &c.; H. Heuland, Secretary of the Geological Society; the Editors of the Annals of Philosophy; of the Philosophical Magazine; of the Journal of Science of the Royal Institution; of the Mechanic's Oracle; the Mechanic's Magazine, and several literary Journals. In the university of Oxford, Professors Kidd, Buckland, and Conybeare, with Mr Philips, the distinguished coadjutor of the latter. In Edinburgh, Professor Jamieson, Dr Brewster, and the late Dr John Murray; and in Glasgow, Professor Thomson. At home, the American Journal is considered as an equivalent, in exchange, for our various literary and scientific publications; it enjoys the support and countenance of a great number of our able scientific, and public men, and its pages sufficiently evince how far it has proved auxiliary to the development of native talent, and to the creation of useful effort in science and the arts.

'It remains, however, for the editor to state, that to *this hour, the existence of the American Journal, now in its ninth year, is perpetuated only by continued personal sacrifices'*

This is a very discouraging picture for an editor to contemplate. He adds, moreover, that '*five hundred subscribers are necessary simply to pay the expenses of the work*; and that the present number, being somewhat under that amount, pecuniary advances have continued to be occasionally necessary, in addition to the editorial labor and responsibility.' This exposition should stir up the men of science in the country, not merely to contribute their share to the materials of the work, but to take a lively interest in extending its circulation. The scientific character of this Journal necessarily gives it a less popular air, than one having a greater latitude of topics and discussion, and it must look for encouragement exclusively to that portion of the community, who can estimate the importance of scientific progress, and of drawing out the talents of the country to act upon subjects intimately connected with the useful arts, and the means of social enjoyment. To men of science, then, the editor may appeal with earnestness and confidence, and we hope not in vain. A little individual exertion on their part, would not fail to procure a liberal subscription, and give a new and permanent impulse to a work, calculated to be so honorable and useful to the country.

*A Compendium of the Flora of the Northern and Middle States, containing Generic and Specific Descriptions of all the Plants, exclusive of Cryptogamia, hitherto found in the United States, North of the Potomac.* By John Torrey, M. D.

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*The Juvenile Miscellany. For the Instruction and Amusement of Youth.* Vol. I. Nos. 1 and 2. Boston. J. Putnam. 18mo. pp. 107.

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A Key to the last New York Edition of Bonnycastle's Algebra; containing correct Solutions to all the Questions. By James Ryan. New York. Collins & Hannay. 18mo. pp. 261.

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An Epitome of Geography, with an Atlas. By J. E. Worcester. Boston. Hilliard, Gray, & Co. 18mo. pp. 165.

Mr Worcester's success as a geographer renders it unnecessary for us to say anything more of this little work, than that it bears all the characteristic marks of his former productions. He is accurate, clear, and remarkably happy in condensing the most important particulars, and bringing them down to the ready apprehension of children. The subjects are divided with precision, and appropriate questions are prepared as a guide to the learner.

The author has one merit almost peculiar to himself. He has taken unwearied pains to designate the accurate pronunciation of the names of places in various countries. This is of great utility, for if a child becomes accustomed to a right pronunciation at first, the thing is done forever, and he will have no more trouble about it; whereas, if he begins wrong, he is embarrassed and doubting all his life, and in his intercourse with men must often be subject to mortification on account of his ignorance. There is no better test of an accurate education, than a right pronunciation of proper names, both ancient and modern; and the use of marks of accentuation in recent school books is an essential improvement. We have seen no writer, who attends to it with so much particularity as Mr Worcester; and it is for this reason, that we shall notice what we deem a few slight errors. Some of them may possibly be misprints. He writes *Ocone'*, *Darien'*, *Para'na*, *Poto'si*; we believe they ought to be accented *Oco'nee*, *Da'rien* [or *Dah'rien*], *Parana'*, *Potosi'*. He spells *Carac'cas*, *Guatima'la*, *Valparay'so*. In South America the orthography of these words is *Carac'as*, *Guatema'la*, *Valparai'so*. He writes *Tennessee'*, and *Michigan'*; we suspect the more common pronunciation in the Western country is *Ten'nessee*, and *Mich'igan*. As a general remark, there is a growing tendency in pronouncing Indian names to throw back the accent.

There will be much fluctuation in the pronunciation of the names of places in South America for a long time to come, owing to our imperfect acquaintance with the sounds of some of the Spanish letters, and the habit, which has been acquired of pronouncing words as we see them in books, after the English sounds of the letters. But so much intercourse is now growing up between that country and this, and so many persons are daily coming among us, who pronounce after the Spanish mode, that the ear will gradually become accustomed to this pronunciation, and it will at length prevail universally. Now as the only rule for pronouncing the names of places, is the custom of the people who inhabit those places, we believe it would be best for geographers to adopt at once the Spanish pronunciation of South American words, particularly those where the sounds can be easily uttered by English organs. For instance, we would inculcate the Spanish pronunciation of *Chile* (*Chee'-le*), *Lima* (*Lee'mah*), and other words of a similar kind.

And by the way, we think it is quite time for geographers, and all other writers, to introduce the true orthography of *Chile*, and no longer sanction the old corruption, *Chili*.

Mr Worcester has attempted to give the sounds of some Spanish words in which he has failed, by not attending to the exact power of two or three letters. Take for example *Guadalaxara*, *Guanaxuato*, which he pronounces Guali-da-lax-al'-ra; Gwah-nax-wah'to. This gives the words very imperfectly. It would be nearer to write them *Gwah-dah-lah-ha'ra*, and *Gwah-nah-hu-ah'to*. As the words are originally written, the *x* has the sound of a strongly aspirated *h*. Sometimes *j* is used instead of the *x*, with the same sound. Thus the name of a city, from which the term *jalap* is derived, is written promiscuously *Xalapa*, or *Jalapa*, and in either case is pronounced *Hala'pa*, with the *h* aspirated. There is another class of words with the Spanish *ll*, which presents a difficulty, but one which can nearly be conquered; thus, *Truxillo*, may be very well represented by *Truh-heel'-io*; or perhaps more nearly by *Trul-heel'-yo*, letting the tongue rest a little upon the *l* in the accented syllable.

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